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The Honorable Paul D. Wellstone
United States Senate
2550 University Avenue, West
Court International Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55114-1025

Attention: Paul Audette

Dear Senator Wellstone:

This is in response to your letter of August 26, 1999, forwarding correspondence from your constituent, [redacted] contacted your office on behalf of Sister Dianna Ortiz, an American Ursuline nun who was abducted and tortured in Guatemala in 1989; he requested that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) make "the entirety of their documents related to the case of Sister Dianna available to the public."

As you may know, in 1996 the CIA conducted a special search relating to Sister Dianna, reviewed all responsive documents located during that search, and released all document portions that could be declassified. Some documents and portions of documents were determined to be classified, and so were not released. In 1996, Sister Dianna brought litigation against the CIA and other US Government agencies for the release of information initially withheld. In February 1998, this case was dismissed with prejudice. We believe, and the courts have upheld, that no further documents are releasable to Sister Dianna.

I regret that we cannot be more helpful in this matter. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you for writing on behalf of your constituent.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

John H. Moseman
Director of Congressional Affairs

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